

C. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A parking system comprising:

an Internet-accessible Web server storing substantially real-time parking data ~~for one or more parking lots~~ corresponding to a plurality of parking spaces, said parking data capable of being rendered by a display device running a browser application, said Web server ~~capable of displaying parking information~~ transmitting said parking data in response to ~~requests from one or more subscribers~~ a request sent from said browser application.

2. (currently amended) The parking system of claim 1, wherein said Web server stores billing information.

3. (currently amended) The parking system of claim 1, wherein said Web server stores fee charging information.

4. (currently amended) The parking system of claim 1, wherein said parking ~~information~~ data comprises vacant parking spaces.

5. (currently amended) The parking system of claim 1, wherein said parking ~~information~~ data comprises reserved parking spaces.

6. (currently amended) The parking system of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said parking data corresponds to a plurality of parking lots.

7. (currently amended) The parking system of claim 1, wherein said parking data is rendered on a map.

8. (new) The parking system of claim 1, wherein said parking data is accessed by visiting a Web site and said parking data is rendered in a Web page.

9. (new) The parking system of claim 1, wherein said display device comprises a wireless communications device and said request is sent over at least one wireless connection.

10. (new) The parking system of claim 9, wherein
said request is received at an intermediary server,
said intermediary server retrieves said parking data from said Web server, and
said intermediary server transmits said parking data to said wireless communications device.

11. (new) The parking system of claim 9, wherein said wireless communications device comprises at least one of a mobile telephone, a personal digital assistant, and a vehicle-mounted device.

12. (new) The parking system of claim 11, wherein said wireless communications device receives a satellite signal over a wireless satellite connection.

13. (new) The parking system of claim 12, wherein said satellite signal comprises broadcast programming.

14. (new) The parking system of claim 1, wherein
said Web server communicates with one or more parking terminals,
each of said one or more parking terminals is associated with a plurality of parking spaces, and

each of said one or more parking terminals is configured to transmit substantially real-time parking data corresponding to said plurality of parking spaces.

15. (new) The parking system of claim 14, wherein said one or more parking terminals transmits substantially real-time parking data over at least one wireless connection.

16. (new) The parking system of claim 14, wherein said plurality of parking terminals transmits substantially real-time parking data over a local area network connection.

17. (new) The parking system of claim 14, wherein said parking data comprises parking occupancy data for said plurality of parking spaces.

18. (new) The parking system of claim 14, wherein said parking data comprises charging and billing information.

19. (new) The parking system of claim 1, wherein
said Web server communicates with a plurality of detectors at a parking lot,
said plurality of detectors collect substantially real-time parking occupancy data for a plurality of parking spaces at said parking lot, and
each of said plurality of detectors includes a wireless communications device for transmitting said real-time parking occupancy data to said Web server.

20. (new) A parking system comprising:
a plurality of parking terminals, each of said plurality of parking terminals being associated with a plurality of parking spaces, said plurality of parking terminals being configured to transmit substantially real-time parking data associated with said plurality of parking spaces to an Internet-accessible Web server, said Web server configured to transmit said parking data to a display device running a browser application in response to a request sent from said browser application.

21. (new) The parking system of claim 20, wherein said parking data is rendered by said display device on a map.

22. (new) The parking system of claim 20, wherein said parking data is accessed by visiting a Web site and said parking data is rendered in a Web page.

23. (new) The parking system of claim 20, wherein said display device comprises a wireless communications device and said request is sent over at least one wireless connection.

24. (new) The parking system of claim 23, wherein
said request is received at an intermediary server,
said intermediary server retrieves said parking data from said Web server, and
said intermediary server transmits said parking data to said wireless communications device.

25. (new) The parking system of claim 20, wherein said wireless communications device comprises at least one of a mobile telephone, a personal digital assistant, and a vehicle-mounted device.

26. (new) The parking system of claim 20, wherein said plurality of parking terminals transmits substantially real-time parking data over at least one wireless connection.

27. (new) The parking system of claim 20, wherein said plurality of parking terminals

transmits substantially real-time parking data over a local area network connection.

28. (new) The parking system of claim 20, wherein said parking data comprises parking occupancy data for said plurality of parking spaces.

29. (new) The parking system of claim 20, wherein said parking data comprises charging and billing information.

30. (new) A method comprising:
transmitting a request from a browser application running on a display device to an Internet-accessible Web server, said Web server storing substantially real-time parking data corresponding to a plurality of parking spaces;
accessing said Web server;
receiving said substantially real-time parking data from said Web server; and
rendering said parking data on said display device with said browser application.

31. (new) The method of claim 30, wherein accessing said Web server comprises visiting a Web site and said parking data is rendered in a Web page.

32. (new) The method of claim 30, wherein said parking data corresponds to a plurality of parking lots.

33. (new) The method of claim 30, wherein said parking data comprises parking occupancy data for said plurality of parking spaces.

34. (new) The method of claim 30, wherein said parking data comprises charging and billing information.

35. (new) The method of claim 30, wherein
transmitting said request is performed in response to a communication from a commuter and said parking data comprises reserved parking spaces.

36. (new) A parking system comprising:
a plurality detectors configured to collect substantially real-time parking occupancy data corresponding to a plurality of parking spaces at a parking lot, each of said plurality of detectors including a communications device for transmitting said substantially real-time parking occupancy data to an Internet-accessible Web server, said Web server configured to transmit said substantially real-time parking occupancy data to a display device running a browser application in response to a request sent from said browser application.

37. (new) The parking system of claim 36, wherein said plurality of detectors transmits said substantially real-time parking occupancy data over at least one wireless connection.

38. (new) The parking system of claim 36, wherein said plurality of detectors transmits said substantially real-time parking occupancy data over a local area network connection.

39. (new) The parking system of claim 36, wherein said display device comprises a wireless communications device and said request is sent over at least one wireless connection.

40. (new) The parking system of claim 36, wherein said communications device receives a satellite signal over a wireless satellite connection.